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I believe Microsoft has not changed their attitude. I believe they looked for any simple, little thing they could do to assuage the government lawyers at little to no real cost to them.

What is needed is to fashion a remedy that Microsoft will understand. I propose we take some dollar amount from Microsoft - say 5 or 10 billion dollars - and divvy it up among corporations hurt because of Microsoft's documentable actions prior to October 25, 2001 (date of Windows XP release). That big wad of cash in their bank account didn't happen because they played nice, and we need to make sure they understand that those who don't follow the rules don't get rich.

Companies who should receive at least part of the settlement:

Sun, for the MS Visual J++/Java for Windows garbage that MS pulled

Netscape, because MS gave away a product for free that Netscape was successfully charging for

Real Audio and other audio playback software which is now likely to get killed by the WMA features integrated into XP

Be (now out of existence), but who had a brilliant OS killed because of Microsoft's illegal stipulation to hardware makers that they couldn't install more than one OS on a box. Some of this should also be given to the Linux crowd.

Adobe, for the screwing John Warnock took over the PostScript licensing that MS preempted when they created TrueType fonts

and probably many more...

The existing remedy as proposed is simply not sufficient.

Sincerely,

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